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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOA - PAN AM MEMCON, MAY 25, 1977

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED MEMCON WITH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND WITH MERLINI, PAA REGIONAL DIRECTOR SYDNEY, AND HAS ADVISED BOTH THAT THOSE PORTIONS OF MEMCON LABELED "SUBJECT", "PARTCIPANTS" AND "PLACE", PLUS TEXT OF PARAGRAPHS NUMBERED "(2)" AND "(3)" WILL BE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC DOCKET.
- 2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR ANY CORRECTIONS IN STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO DOT AND PAA RESPECTIVELY IN THESE TWO PARAGRAPHS, WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING.
- 3. FROM MERLINI ON PAA BEHALF -- INSERT IN THE FINAL SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH NUMBERED "(2)", AFTER THE WORD "FLIGHTS" THE TWO ADDITIONAL WORDS "FROM AUSTRALIA". THE SENTENCE WOULD THEN READ "PAA REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THIS MUST HAVE BEEN A MISTAKEN UNDERSTANDING--THAT THE ONLY SERVICE REDUCTION THEY CONTEMPLATED WAS IN FLIGHTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO AMERICAN SAMOA".

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RM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT (ROWLAND) HAS TODAY ADVISED US THAT IS HAS NO CHANGES TO SUGGEST IN PARAS "(2)" AND "(3)". THE DEPARTMENT DOES REQUEST THAT TWO CORRECTIONS BE MADE IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL TITLES LISTED IN THE SECTION ENTITLED "PARTICIPANTS": (1) THE TITLE FOR COLIN FREELAND SHOULD READ "FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AIR TRANSPORT POLICY", (2) THE TITLE LISTED FOR ROBERT ELDER SHOULD READ "DIRECTOR,

INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIVISION".

5. IN ADDITION, MERLINI REQUESTED ON PAN AM'S BEHALF A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN THE PARAGRAPH NUMBERED "(1)" AND ONE CHANGE IN "(5)". THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT ADVISED US TODAY THAT IT WILL FORWARD A LETTER CONFIRMING THE DOT AMENDMENTS LISTED IN PARA 4 ABOVE AND IN ADDITION SUGGESTING ONE OR TWO CHANGES IN PARAS "(5)" AND "(7)" OF THE MEMCON. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THESE AMENDMENTS DO NOT INVOLVE THE PORTIONS OF THE MEMCON TO BE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC DOCKET, WE WILL POUCH THEM SEPARATELY. PERCIVAL

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